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Housing crisis looms nearer

By Stew Savard

Out-of-town students registering for university this fall face the worst housing shortage in the school's history, according to UVic President Howard Petch.

Petch told **The Martlet** that the University is deeply concerned about the ability of out-of-town students, who now total 73 per cent of the full-time student population, to find adequate housing in the fall.

"Our only hope for the short term is that the citizens of Greater Victoria open their homes to students and help us", Petch said.

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An expected two per cent increase in enrollment this fall coupled with last year's 7.7 per cent increase has created a tight situation which may force students to drop out of school for lack of proper housing.

"All those students (from out of town) have to find a place to live. If students can't find adequate accommodation they can't go to school", Petch said. "The problem is especially great for those older students with families."

AMS President Angus Christian summarized the situation as "grim."

"The lifting of rent controls for many units is driving rents up faster than student aid and incomes allow for," Christian said.

"One of the saddest things about the present rental market is that students are often in competition with old-age pensioners for cheap housing. Given a choice between students and old-age pensioners, landlords often choose old-age pensioners. Old-age pensioners need housing as much as students do," Christian said.

University officials are preparing for this fall's expected crunch by hiring a full-time staff person to co-ordinate their appeal for off-campus housing, Shirley Baker of Housing Services.

Baker told **The Martlet** that the University will undertake an advertising appeal to the community, asking home owners to help this fall.

"There's going to be a shortage," Baker said. "We'll do the very best we can to help students find a place to live."

Baker explained that part of the problem was a shift in student expectations over the last several years from room and board to self-contained accommodation.

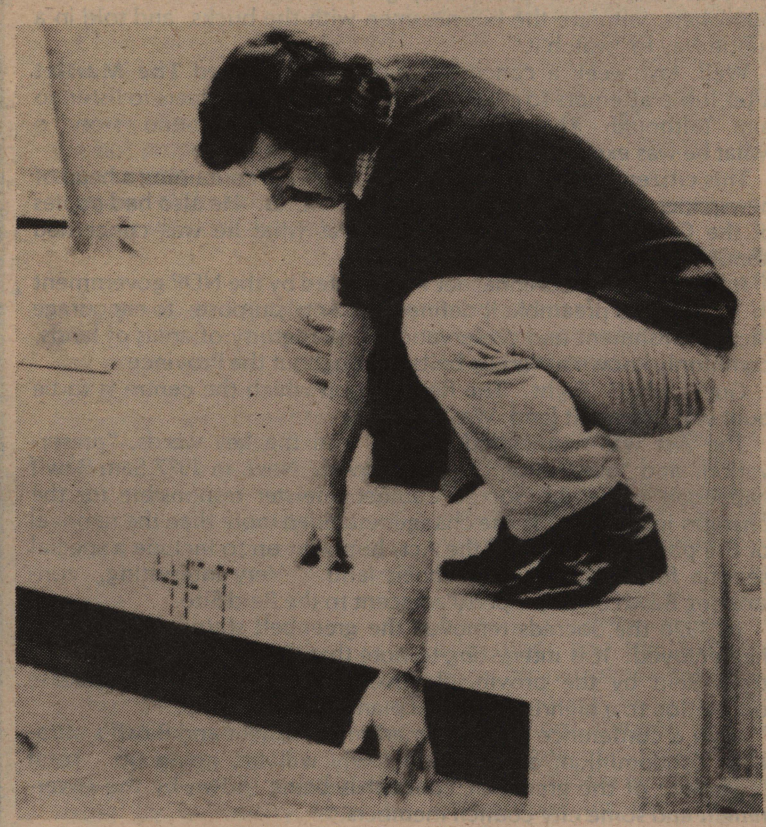
"I do think the main problem is that students do like to have self-contained apartment-type housing and of course that's the thing in short supply," she said.

This is not the first time UVic students have faced a shortage of housing. In 1975 rental units were at a premium in the city after the introduction of rent controls. At that time Housing Services looked into bringing logging-camp-style trailer units onto campus and leasing the Princess Marguerite during the tourist off-season. Both plans fell through for lack of funds.

Student leaders that year considered establishing a tent city.

Elcock resigns

By Geoff Weidner



He considers Matthews "the singlemost important factor for the success at UVic" and praised him for the funding arrangement UVic has—"the best in Canada, and that is Trevor Matthews."

But others in the athletics and recreation department would disagree with Elcock, and Sawchuck himself admits that Elcock's leaving has generated re-organization proposals from the three department heads.

"Now that we have an opening, it makes it a good time for a review of the department," Sawchuck said. "What directions should we be taking? is a question we have to ask outselves."

The three proposals contain two opposing concepts. One concept is to split the department into two, one becoming the athletics department and the other the recreation department. The other concept is to keep the department as one.

Shields, the most likely candidate for the position Elcock will vacate at the end of August, favors the two separate departments, with their coordinators reporting directly to Matthews.

Whatever the case, the administrators studying the proposals must reach a decision on how to proceed before the end of June, Sawchuck said.

For Ken Shields, the idea of becoming No. 1 is appealing. "If the position offered is attractive enough, I suppose I'd run for it," he said.

For Mike Elcock, his leaving means a vacation in Europe. He said he had nothing specific in mind when he returned to Victoria.

"Most projects you undertake have a beginning and an end, and you have to recognize this," he said.

"It's sad to leave because a large part of my life has been here. I've gained a lot of experience and experiences. It's a great place; it really is," he said.

Mike Elcock, manager of the UVic athletics and recreation program the past nine years, said he was no more pissed off with the administration than they were with him—that their differences most definitely weren't a factor (in his resigning).

Director Ted Sawchuck, of student and ancillary services and one rung up on the power ladder from Elcock, likened their "considerable misunderstanding over policies" to no more than "a tempest in a teapot."

A source inside the administration (who cannot be named) said that Elcock's "swimming pool budget" was one of the major differences between Elcock and the people he worked with.

There were allegations of mishandled funds with respect to AMS and recreation clubs' budgets, accusations of Elcock overriding the Athletics and Recreation Clubs Committee and an interesting case for the past three years where it appeared Athletics Coordinator Ken Shields was going over Elcock's head.

But Sawchuck explained on Wednesday that Shields's reporting to Trevor Matthews, the top administrator, was "not intended to be an end run around Mike (Elcock)." Shields evidently discussed matters with Elcock before he brought them to Matthews, at least according to Sawchuck. Matthews was away this week and could not be reached for comment.

About one month ago the teapot finally boiled over and Elcock decided he needed a change, and he handed in his resignation to UVic president Dr. Howard Petch.

"I have a certain amount of security now and feel it's time for a change," Elcock said in an interview June 9th.

"What I set out to do was put athletics and recreation on a footing where it would be an integral part of the working of this campus," Elcock said. "That, I think, we have done."

He doesn't take all of the credit himself. In fact, he dishes it out in amounts to his predecessor Bob Bell, Ken Shields, Coordinator of Recreation and Intramurals Wayne Pealo and Trevor Matthews.

UVic assumes role over Selkirk

By Katy Chan

Senate approved the proposal to assume the responsibility for needs assessment, development and promotion of degree programmes at the David Thompson University Centre in Nelson, subject to sufficient funds and the approval of the faculties and departments involved.

UVic was asked to assume this responsibility by the ministry of education when the Selkirk College board asked to be relieved of the management role at the centre in April. The Selkirk College board felt that the centre's interests would be best served with the college in an "educationally supportive rather than in a management role."

A general mission statement and an academic program development plan for the next five years was proposed. In this an outline of the degrees and diplomas that would be offered at the centre was given.

In a letter to the ministry of education, UVic president Dr. Howard Petch stated that UVic would be able to assume the responsibilities of coordinating and planning at the centre. However, he would recommend that the day-to-day operation of the facility be handled by Selkirk College.

Petch also said that in order for UVic to take an expanded role , there must be sufficient funds designated and the approval for such funding should be made at the appropriate time.

Dr. Reg Mitchell of the chemistry department said at the senate meeting that he opposed the idea of an extension of the university. He said he felt that the university had a tremendous effect on the maturity of the students as it got them away from home and into a campus setting.

He thought the funds spent on these extension programs could be better used for providing much-needed housing for "rural" students.

Editorials

Greenbelt Act suffers from deletions

What's the latest on the Conference and Trade Centre downtown? You're probably sick of the issue by now—but we **must** cover it because, unfortunately, the downtown papers only cover a part of the real story. You know, they get pressured by advertisers and publishers, who are the businessmen with the bucks, and told in a subtle way to "watch it."

Well, last week a concerned citizen approached **The Martlet** after futile attempts to get the other Victoria newspapers to listen to him (although **The Times** did run a background story o what he was excited about).

This citizen had a remarkably thick portfolio containing a heap of newspaper clippings and City Council minutes. He also had copies of the Greenbelt Act, and that Act was what he was concerned about.

It seems that the original act was created by the NDP government in 1972. In its preamble it defined the Acts' purpose: to encourage the establishment and preservation in perpetuity of areas of lands, commonly known as "green belts" throughout the Province.

Guess what? Right. The Reid Site on which the centre is to be built was greenbelt land. Was.

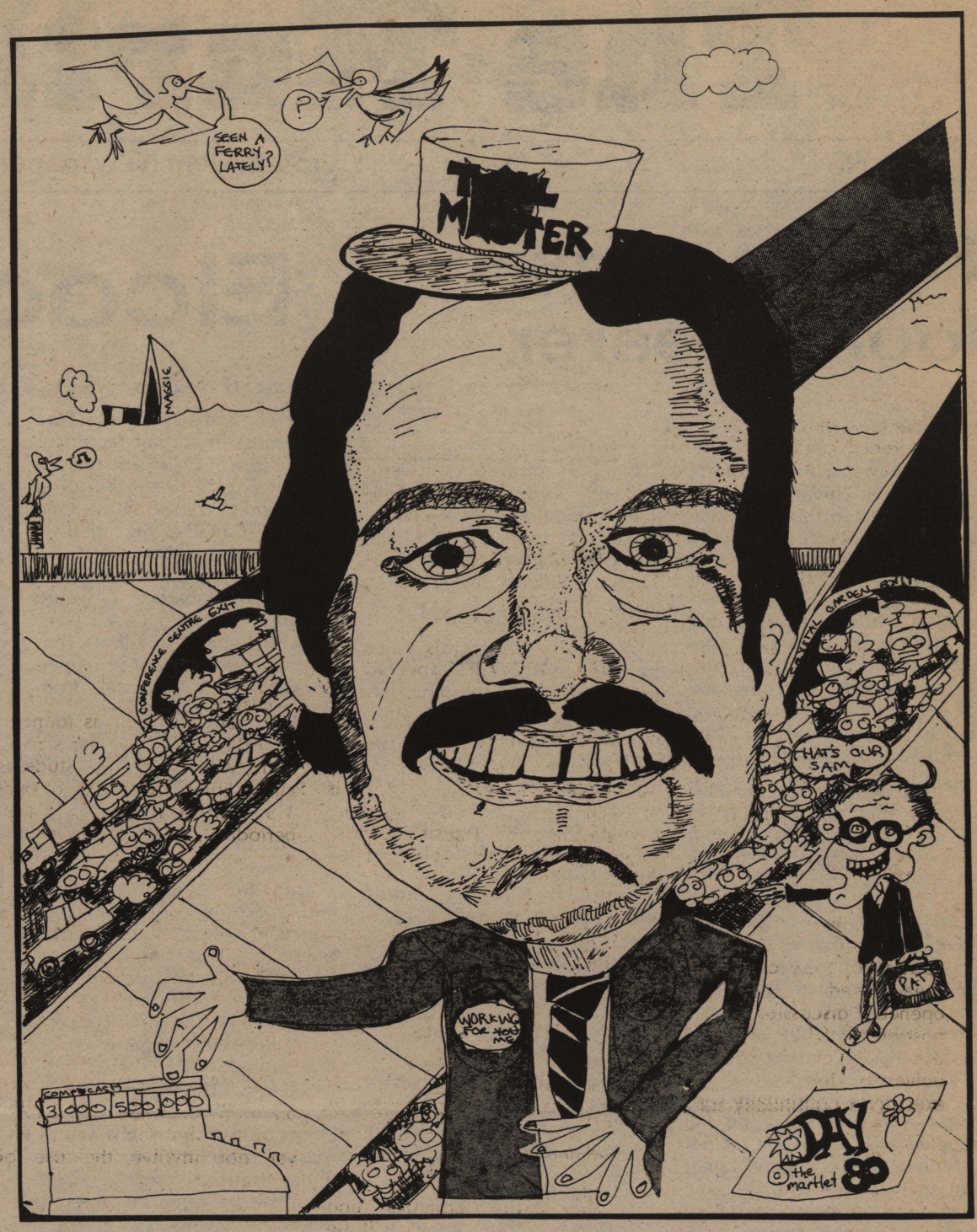
The Act was ammended in 1977 and the key words, "preservation" and "perpetuity," were removed. Now, in 1977 Sam Bawlf happened to be the Socred Cabinet minister responsible for the changes in the Act. Those changes included more than the removal of the philosophy behind the Act, but went on to include a special section for "disposal of greenbelt land." Very interesting, considering Bawlf owns property adjacent to the Reid Site.

In 1978 the Socreds removed the greenbelt status the Reid Site had enjoyed. It is interesting to note that the site had been bought from Reid by the provincial government ostensibly to appease opposition to a highrise Reid had planned to build.

Now a conference centre, a maritime musuem and Bawlf's ultra-elite condominium are, or very likely will be, going up. Total ignorance of the greenbelt concept is being shown by the government and some city council members.

What the majority of Victorians really want, an Inner Harbor compatible with the concepts behind preservation and perpetuity, is being ignored.

That's great for the businessmen and tourists—but what about the others?



No housing crisis says Admissions

The availability of rental accommodation in Victoria has increased over the past year, easing the critical shortage of the past few years. The important thing is to shop around. It is no longer necessary to take the first place you find. While there may be no bargains, you are more likely to get the kind of place you want, with a rent that won't break you, if you compare first.

So reads the opening paragraphs in the 1980-81 University of Victoria admissions handbook, **Open Me First.** This blatant deception just may be the first book given first-year students who come from out of town and aren't city-wise to the current housing crisis.

University officials claim they are innocent of any misleading statements, however. They say the handbook's information is gathered a year in advance. Well, in that case their foresight is remarkably poor. Anyone familiar with searching for a place to rent in Victoria knows the §ituation has been getting worse for quite some time. And, even so, why can't the UVic people responsible for this kind of deception make last minute (or last month) changes?

The AMS publication of The Ombudsman's Guide was put together in one month's time. The student body comes a heckuva lot closer to telling the truth than Admissions, and we suspect it's because UVic's admissions is afraid to tell the truth. The University better shape up fast and begin telling it like it is, or tent camps staked out on campus lawns won't be far off.

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Beer drinkers beware

By Pam Tranfield

Are you the type of person who deposits all your garbage in the proper bin or bag? If so, doesn't it make you gag to see grown men and women (and kids, too) using our parks, beaches and streets as one big receptacle. I've gagged on many occasions; so when Project Thetis, a local environmental movement, organized a clean-up at Mt. Douglas Park June 2, I picked up the towel I'd thrown in, grabbed a pair of gloves and joined the group.

I met coordinator Gary Silver Birch and four other volunteers under a sprinkling sky outside Beaver Home Center on Hillside Avenue. The volunteers, all women, included a government secretary, a biology enthusiast and a student like myself. Their reasons for showing up were similar to mine. One person was enthused by the May 16 article in Monday Magazine, and wanted to do something positive for the community. The secretary felt she should devote more of her time to the outdoors, considering that her weekdays were spent behind a desk in an office.

Forty-five minutes later, armed with burlap sacks donated by Capital Iron, I began work at the Mt. Doug lookout. The gentle shower had become a downpour. And yet the view from the mountain made me forget the water trickling down my back and soaking into my shoes. The mist-shrouded city below was enchanting, but the park was not. Cigarette butts and gum wrappers floated in puddles around my feet. Trying to gather all the filter tips and silver foil proved as futile as counting stars.

The rain slackened, but no rainbow appeared; only golden arches on the dozens of cups and hamburger boxes that began to weigh heavy over my shoulder.

Now, enough with the lament. Those packages weren't biodegradable. Unlike organic matter, synthetics don't dissolve quickly with time or erosion.

As had been the case in previous clean-ups at Thetis Lake Park, Matheson Lake and Beaver Lake Park, the most common litter found by our crew was glass. At the clean-up at Thetis, enough empty bottles were collected to pay for gas of the four volunteer drivers.

According to Birch, the health hazard caused by broken glass is a danger to the ecological system as well as people.

"Bottles take years to break down," Birch said. "Our lake bottoms around here are literally covered with broken glass. It may not be noticeable now, but the presence of the garbage, which is not a part of the food chain, could strangle our lakes."

Ironically, Project Thetis was born over bottles of beer. Birch

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News That's Fit To Print

BCSF criticized for weak stand

A new provincial student organization? The possibility was raised during debate on restructuring at the seventh annual British Columbia Students' Federation (BCSF) conference held at UVic last month.

SFU student president Bill Goodacre said, "If BCSF doesn't begin to meet the needs of university students, SFU would consider withdrawing from BCSF and attempting to form a new provincial organization with UBC, UVic, and BCIT. "SFU is the only university currently a member of BCSF.

The break between university delegates and the BCSF executive centred, ostensibly, on the "one campus, one vote" structure of the organization that gives even the smallest campus the same voting power as UBC (whose enrollment is over 20,000).

Alan Solstis, UBC external vice-president, and Sandro Laudadio, UVic delegate, spearheaded a motion that opened discussion on the possibility of bloc voting. But disagreements between university delegates and BCSF executives continually surfaced throughout the four-day conference.

Goodacre and UVic delegate Terry Johnson repeatedly attacked the organization's failure to take up a more militant defence of students rights.

"If students are going to win anything from the government they must take up more direct action," Johnson said. "Speaking to Socred cabinet ministers won't win us a damn thing."

"A student organization should lead students, not hold them back," Johnson said. He had earlier questioned the failure of BCSF to adequately mobilize students at the campus level.

Criticism was also levelled at the BCSF failure to concentrate more attention on issues such as housing, unemployment and tuition. Housing shortages, especially, will be a major issue on university campuses in the fall.

University reps will be meeting over the summer to discuss the criticisms raised at the conference, and to develop a proposal for an altered voting structure to be presented at the BCSF fall conference. Until then they will continue to work within BCSF structures.

"I don't want to see BCSF destroyed," said Johnson. "Students need a strong provincial organization. But if BCSF is going to survive in its present form, major changes in policy and organization must be made."

McKinnon construction on schedule

Construction of 16 offices and meeting rooms off the McKinnon Building foyer is going ahead on schedule, according to Dave Titterton, manager of McKinnon and the University Centre.

With the expansion of the department of athletics and recreation, we've had nowhere to put our people, Titterton said in a brief interview June 10.

"We've been doubling up in the offices", Titterton said, "and it will be nice not to have that problem when the offices are completed".

The entire athletics and recreation department will be physically separated from the school of physical education, which will take over the old office space.

J Hut, currently being used by the department, will no longer be used when the $225,000 job is finished.

Titterton also said the staircase outside the foyer patio was being reconstructed to make it less steep.

Other McKinnon news includes the fact that nine Victoria-area high schools are using the gym for their grad ceremonies. UVic charges a $350 flat rate for the service.

The equipment-room personnel in McKinnon would like to remind locker holders that the deadline for cleaning out their lockers and returning locks is Sunday, June 15.

On the road to Shanghai

By Katy Chan

Members of the senate on June 4 approved a proposal for an agreement between the University of Victoria and Shanghai Normal University to set up a formal exchange program.

With the approval from senate, this proposed agreement now awaits approval from BOG at their June 16 meeting. If the proposal passes through BOG, UVic will become the first Canadian university to set up a formal relationship with a Chinese university.

The Shanghai Normal University, which was founded in 1951, is of a similar size to UVic, with about 5,000 students and a library collection of over 1.5 million books and periodicals. It is one of the most elite and highly reputed universities directly under the jurisdiction of the Chinese ministry of education.

Dr. Jan Walls, director of the centre for pacific and oriental studies, said the prospect of such an exchange was very exciting because it would open up new channels of mutual benefit to both universities and yet not involve the use of educational funds.

The agreement would facilitate the exchange of publications, scholars and students between the two universities for the purposes of educational travel, studies, lectures and joint research projects, UVic president Dr. Howard Petch said in a memo to senate.

Walls would like to see a scholarship set up in the future for a Chinese student to study at UVic. In the proposal to the senate and the Board of Governors, Petch also said that it would be appropriate to bestow an honorary degree on a distinguished citizen of the People's Republic of China.

Electronic wizardry at McPherson

UVic's McPherson Library recently installed a new security system which became operational May 30.

Electronic equipment desensitizes material as it's checked out and then sensitizes it when it's returned. If books are not properly checked out at the counter, an alarm will be triggered at the exit gateway and the gate will lock automatically.

Such a system is necessary for a library of this size, according to head of the circulation division, Miss Priscilla R. Scott, because an inventory on McPherson's 850,000 or so books can only be done once every few years. Meanwhile, books that are missing will only be discovered if someone places a trace on them and they are not found.

Request for a security system at McPherson was made in the early 70's; however, there were no available funds until a special funding application made by University librarian, Mr. Dean W. Haliwell, came through recently. A similar but smaller-scale version of this system had been installed in the Curriculum Library in MacLaurin a few years ago.

Although this system will mean more work for the people in the processing department, it will free the staff at the circulation desk from having to keep a constant eye on people going out of the library.

Satellite welcome a burn out

By Katy Chan

A one-and-a-half-hour-long, two-way "interactive" satellite communication program was used on June 5 to welcome new students from the interior of B.C. to UVic.

According to a rough estimate, about 35 to 50 students attended the session. Due to some problems with the audio system, only one question (on health services) came through clearly.

David Glen, director of admissions, said that he was pleased with the program even though he was disappointed with the question session. However, that was caused by technical problems that no one could have helped. He also hopes to see this program used in the future to introduce the university to all Grade 12 students—even before they apply to UVic.

The cost for broadcasting this program was assumed under the experimental cost of the satellite, and paid for by the B.C. government.

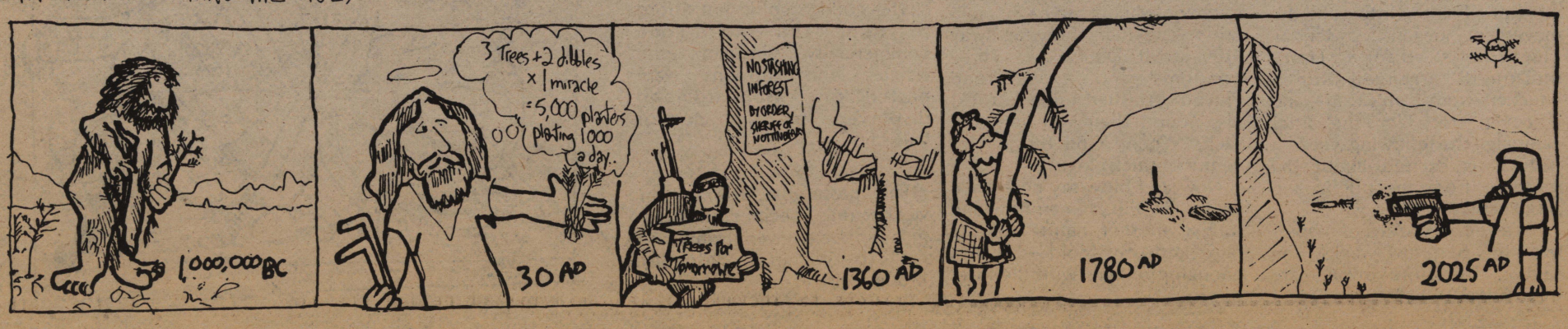
Grade 12 students from B.C.'s interior who had applied to UVic were invited to attend this information session at their nearest community college via the Anik-B satellite. Presentations on financial aid, housing, counselling, advising, admissions and the AMS were given by personnel involved in these services. Students dialed in questions through this two way hook-up system and directed them at the person responsible for the particular service.

The program was broad cast to 11 communities, including Port Alberni, Prince George, Terrace, MacKenzie, Prince Rupert, Cranbrook, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek, Gold River, Fort Nelson and Whitehorse in the Yukon.

Arlene Zuchernick, Anik-B program coordinator with UVic's extension division, said that this program is a result of an experiment to seek different modes of use of the satellite.

Before this, the satellite had been used for two credit courses in education and one non-credit workshop in public administration. With this particular program, a new approach was used to bring information to students about the services on the university campus.

There is a similar satellite program at BCIT. However, UVic is the only university in B.C. to use this system to provide educational services to the interior.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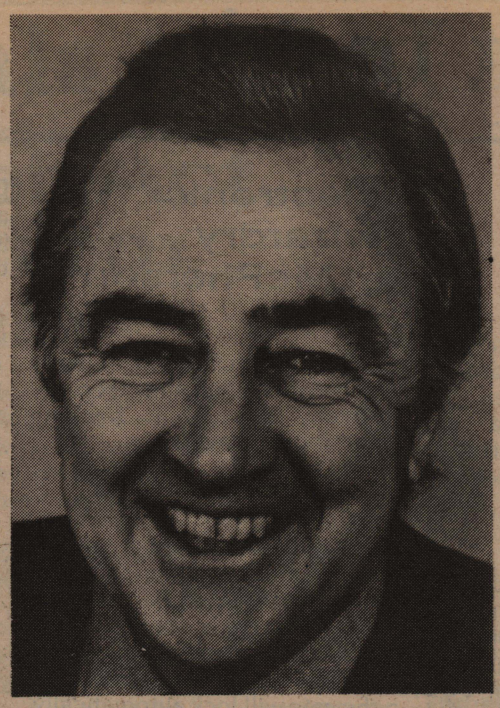
The Ultimate Tyranny

By Garth Spencer



The Ultimate Tyranny, by Eugene J. McCarthy. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich (New York, 1980), $16.95, 229 pp.

The Ultimate Tyranny is Eugene McCarthy's argument that Americans are undermining their freedoms. McCarthy, a congressman for 22 years and twice a U.S. presidential candidate, identifies four areas of damage: unnecessary tinkering with the American constitution, abuse of the freedom of speech, destruction of the freedom of assembly, and the growth of bureaucracies and their powers.

McCarthy maintains that there is a growing disposition to accept that the constitution and the ideas that were built into it have little validity; that they were all right for another time, but need not be respected today.

He puts two amendments which are still under consideration among those which challenge and change constitutional principles. One is an amendment to give full voting representation to the District of Columbia (which is unconstitutional). The other is the "Human Life" amendment (which would outlaw abortion). McCarthy argues that the abortion issue is clearly no business of the government and, in any case, should not be in a constitutional amendment.

No less than four chapters are devoted to federal election control. The gist of his argument is that amendments to the Federal Election Campaign Act have hindered citizens' attempts to assemble third parties. McCarthy relates stories of his own campaigns in these chapters.

McCarthy seems to enjoy criticizing the news media. He claims the media have assumed the political position of an established church, issuing **ex cathedra** announcements and indexing the news which they consider unimportant.

McCarthy reviews a good deal of evidence which shows the press not doing its job, invading privacy and "freezing out" coverage of certain political issues and candidates. Charitably, he points out that court decisions are unclear and inconsistent, thus confusing both the press and its subjects as to what constitutes freedom of speech.

Bureaucracies are notorious for nepotism, uselessness and pointless growth, McCarthy claims, and that not only are the FBI and the CIA examples of patrimonial bureaucracies, but that other departments enforce ill-framed laws, or enforce nothing at all. Power is delegated to "self-motivated institutions operating on a dynamism of their own" without much control or scrutiny.

McCarthy's arguments are fairly clear and organized. They are certainly persuasive. His restrained sarcasm is most obvious in his chapter on the press. Although there is no bibliography, many references are specific enough to identify further reading. In paperback, **The Ultimate Tyranny** is worth buying.

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Hodgins to join CW at UVic?

By Connie Harrigan

Jack Hodgins, Nanaimo high school teacher and winner of the 1980 Governor General's Award for fiction, opened his reading at Open Space Gallery on May 29 with two accounts of dreams he's recently experienced in which he dreads coming to Victoria.

The dreams could have been construed as his fear of giving the reading. Or they may have been expressions of an unconscious reluctance to moving to Victoria this fall.

A campus rumour has Hodgins teaching a third-year fiction workshop in the creative writing department. It would be quite an achievement if the department could get him because Hodgins is world-renowned for his "mythic realism" approach to writing.

Gordon Lish, the former fiction editor of Esquire Magazine, says "Jack Hodgins's **The Invention of the World** joins Robertson Davies's **Fifth Business** as the decade's most distinguished achievements in Canadian fiction." Hodgins has also been linked with such South American writers as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Jorge Luis Borges.

Following his reading of the opening of the award-winning novel, **The Resurrection of Joseph Bourne**, Hodgins suggested there was "a good possibility" of his teaching at UVic.

Dave Godfrey, chairman of the creative writing department, didn't deny tte possibility of Hodgins joining the department.

"Tell the dean (we need more money, though)," he said.

Berton surfaces at UVic

By Pam Tranfield

Canadian writer and broadcaster Pierre Berton drew cartoons, wrote and edited for Victoria College's school newspaper, The Microscope, in 1937-38. That's when the college was located in Craigdarroch Castle and its enrollment was 225.

Many of his articles were early attempts at satire. He made fun of sports and debates in a style that reflected the closeness of teachers and students at the small junior college.

Berton's cartoons poked fun at the college student and his surroundings. An "average college student" named Wilbur was the star of many of Berton's 'toons. Wilbur is seen through such traumas as exams, Saturday nights and dances.

The college could not afford to print The Microscope commercially; instead, the articles and cartoons were pasted on cardboard and displayed in the school hallways.

The paste-ups are now in McPherson's special collections and can be viewed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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THE AVERAGE COLLEGE STUDENT
WILBUR LOOKING AT THE COLLEGE FOR THE FIRST TIME.
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THIS IS WILBUR - THE AVERAGE COLLEGE BOY. HE WEARS A LOOK OF PERPETUAL ASTONISHMENT.
BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF THE CO-ED DANCE, WILBUR IS KEEPING HIS HAIR BRUSHED.
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ONCE IN A WHILE WILBUR ENTERS WARD 9.

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and a group of friends were nursing a few brew at a local pub when the idea of a visit to Thetis was proposed. Someone mentioned all the litter, and the movement began. Monday Magazine editor Derry McDonell arranged lunch vouchers from Sam's Deli—and a cover story for the litter campaign the following week.

Birch is excited about the response from the public and shopkeepers.

"We've had dozens of helpers over the past few weeks," he said. "The store owners are tremendous. The Beacon Drive-in donated 20 or so cheeseburger vouchers without being asked—they phoned me!"

Bottles accounted for over half my two-sack haul of litter, but people appear to have fun in other ways than throwing away litter at Mt. Doug Park. Three condoms and a well-read Playboy (stashed under a rock) also found their way into the sack. Thank God for the inventor of thick gloves.

Now as I blow my nose once again, I will remember and forgive mother nature for the rain and my cold—she has enough problems with the litter bugs.